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TO AMEMBASSY BANGUI

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SUBJ: CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC - NATIONALIZATION OF TEXACO ASSETS

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1. TEXACO REP SUDER TOLD US THAT HIS ACCOUNTANT SPENT THREE DAYS IN BANGUI DISCUSSING WITH CENTRAHYDRO OFFICIALS BALANCES OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE OF FORMER TEXACO COMPANY. DISCUSSIONS WERE INCONCLUSIVE. ACCORDING TO SUDER, NO AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED SINCE PAUL BELLET, GENERAL MANAGER OF CENTRAHYDRO, WAS OUT OF TOWN AND NO ONE ELSE APPARENTLY HAS AUTHORITY TO MAKE DECISIONS IN SUCH MATTERS. SUDER'S DEPUTY, RONALD ALLEN, HAD PLANNED TO GO TO BANGUI SINCE HE HAS MORE AUTHORITY THAN TEXACO ACCOUNTANT. HOWEVER, HE HAS HAD TO CANCEL TRIP

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IN VIEW OF BELLET'S ABSENCE. SUDER NOTED THAT THIS WAS NOT

FIRST TIME THAT SUCH MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED BECAUSE OF BELLET'S DEPARTURE AT HIS GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST. SUDER ADDED HE FEELS BELLET'S ABSENCES MAY BE A FORM OF STALLING ON PART OF GOCAR.

2. SUDER ASKS, IF POSSIBLE, EMBASSY ARRANGE MEETING WITH BELLET BETWEEN OCT 15 AND OCT 21. SUDER SAID THAT BELLET'S PRESENCE AT MEETING IS IMPERATIVE SINCE NO SIGNIFICANT AGREEMENTS MAY BE REACHED WITHOUT HIS APPROVAL. SUDER WOULD PLAN TO ATTEND.

3. REGRET ERROR IN SUBJECT OF REFTTEL WHICH SHOULD, OF COURSE, READ CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC NOT RPT NOT CONGO (B).
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